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Re: <u>Le Parker Méridien Palm Springs</u>

Gentlemen:

As we have been discussing with you, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. and its affiliates (collectively, "Starwood") has concerns that the SPG reimbursement scheme at the Le Parker Méridien New York was also being perpetrated at the Le Parker Méridien Palm Springs. Please be advised that Starwood recently received an Ethics Point complaint alleging that certain employees at that hotel have been engaged for several years in an ongoing similar scheme to falsify occupancy levels in order to extract higher reimbursement payments from the SPG program. The complaint specially identifies Lynne Dibley, the hotel's HR Director, as being involved in the scheme, as well the Front Office Manager, Assistant Front Office Manager, Night Audit and Reservations employees.

Starwood will continue its investigation into these allegations and we are assuming that you will do the same. To the extent your team has not yet preserved all relevant data at Le Parker Méridien Palm Springs, it is imperative that steps be taken to do so immediately. Please confirm that.

This letter is written without waiving or prejudicing any of Starwood's rights and remedies at law, in equity, and under agreement, all of which are expressly reserved. Please be further advised that any failure or delay by Starwood to notice any default or exercise any rights under any applicable agreement shall not be

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deemed a waiver of any defaults by your client or any rights of Starwood under any agreement or applicable law.

Very truly yours,

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